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For: IMAGE COMPRESSION METHOD, IMAGE

COMPRESSION DEVICE, IMAGE TRANSMISSION SYSTEM, DATA COMPRESSION PRE-PROCESSING

APPARATUS, AND COMPUTER PROGRAM

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated August 18, 2009, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Abstract begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.